

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF LABOR & TRAINING  
DIVISION OF PROFESSIONAL REGULATION  
MECHANICAL BOARD**

**1511 Pontiac Avenue, Bldg 70, 2nd Floor Conference Room**

**Cranston, RI 02920**

**Wednesday, October 3, 2012**

**9:00am**

**In attendance: Dennis Brennan**

**Timothy Byrne**

**Stanley Davies, Chair**

**Robert Eva**

**Fred Foeri**

**Bobby Joe Harris**

**Michael Januario**

**Jack King**

**Quinlan T. Regan**

**Charles Wright**

**Steven Gray was not in attendance.**

**Also in attendance were Ronald D'Ambruoso, Administrator; Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director; Nick Ranone, Chief Mechanical Investigator; and Valentino Lombardi, Legal Counsel.**

**1. – Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 9:03am by Chairman, Stanley Davies.**

**2. – Introduction of new Chief Mechanical Investigator, Nick Ranone: Stan Davies introduces the new Chief Mechanical Investigator, Nick Ranone to the Board.**

**3. – Approval of minutes from September 5, 2012 meeting: Dispensing of the minutes was held until after Agenda Item 6. A motion was made by Tim Byrne to approve the minutes from the September 5, 2012 meeting as presented; seconded by Charles Wright and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**4. – Conflict of Interest: Valentino Lombardi, Legal Counsel, addressed the board regarding the training provided on September 24, 2012 by the Legal Department, the Attorney General's Office and the Ethics Commission. If any member has questions the Legal Department will assist.**

**5. - HEARINGS: There were no violation appeal hearings.**

**6. - Steven M. Clift – Petition the Board to review application to sit for Refrigeration Journeyman 2 exam: Steven Clift appeared before the board at the September meeting requesting a review of his application to sit for the Refrigeration Journeyman 2 exam. Ron**

**D'Ambruoso addressed the Board. The department requests the hearing on this matter be reopened for more information. Bobby Joe Harris made a motion to reopen the matter. The motion was seconded by Charles Wright. Dennis Brennan and Jack King voted in opposition. All other members were in favor. The matter is reopened. There is a discussion.**

**Steven Clift addressed the Board. Mr. Clift originally applied to test in 1980 for Journeyman Master (one heating and one refrigeration). According to Mr. Clift, he was informed by James Allen, former Administrator, that he needed more experience; that he would not allow him to test but granted the apprenticeship under grandfather rights. Mr. Clift was to get more experience and to come back and test. He later tested for the pipefitter license. Steven Clift provides testimony regarding his experience. The Board questions Mr. Clift regarding his experience. The Board has further discussion.**

**Mr. Clift presents a copy of a form and a copy of the cancelled check from 1980 for payment of the test with a note from Mr. Allen to the Board for review. The documents are entered into the record. Discussion continues.**

**Mr. Clift submits a copy of a list of work experience without dates.**

**Discussion and questioning continues. Mr. Clift testified that he was instructed by Mr. Allen to carry the copy of the check with him. Mr.**

**Clift believed this to be his apprentice card.**

**Jack King made a motion to allow Mr. Clift to sit for the Refrigeration Journeyman 2 test. The motion was seconded by Charles Wright. Tim Byrne was the only member opposed.**

**The information will be submitted to the Director**

**Joseph Degnan, Assistant Director, later revisited the matter and requests the Board members state their vote and reason. In favor: Dennis Brennan, Robert Eva, Fred Foeri, Bobby Joe Harris, Michael Januario, Jack King, Quinlan T. Regan, Charles Wright. Opposed: Tim Byrne.**

**7. - ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn was made by Charlie Wright; seconded by Robert Eva and Michael Januario and passed unanimously by the Board.**

**The meeting adjourned at 10:03am.**